

Abstract

Title: Study possibilities and job opportunities in outdoor activities in USA

Objectives: The object of this thesis is to research and describe study possibilities at American universities and job opportunities in outdoor activities in USA.

Methods: This thesis is literature review and analyses printed sources available related to researched topic and internet websites containing current information in researched subject. Also, it was used own experiences of the thesis author. The primary source of information were publications from UK FTVS library, thesis written under the supervision of the experts at outdoor sports department at UK FTVS and thesis from other Czech universities teaching outdoor activities. Further important source was specialized publications, especially articles from Gymnasion magazine, next, articles from EBSCO databases. During the research of USA universities offering outdoor activities courses, educational system, scholarships, job opportunities, transfer and visa options, were used also internet sources for topicality reason and own experience.

Results: Outdoor education and activities industry constantly dynamically develops and so creates many job positions for qualified workers for profitable or non-profit organizations. Universities in USA offer more and more possibilities of outdoor activities studies included in many different study programmes. This thesis submits current list of these programmes. In case that a school does not offer this course it is aware of importance of outdoor activities and almost each of them has a leisure academic club where students can do many outdoor sports or outdoor trips. Universities also cooperate with many organizations, for example Outward Bound or Project Adventure which support outdoor activities which are either commercial or non-profit character.

It is necessary to undergo a complicated process of visa application to work and study in USA. However, with the right approach or optionally, good choice of an agency which is approved by USA embassy the process can be faster and guaranteed. Arranging of all documents for work in USA can take a several months and almost a year for studies in USA including scholarship application. It is necessary to count on these time delays. On the other hand, it is easy to obtain an accommodation and transport as there are countless tourism companies there and thanks to big competition it is possible to find much lower prizes for these services with some perseverance.

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